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SUBJECT: US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 204353

1. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTIONS MENTIONED IN REFTEL WITH UNDER-SECRETARY AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA, WHO IS NOW BACK AT FONMIN. CASTANEDA RENEWED GOM ASSURANCES THAT NO US VESSELS WILL BEE SEIZED DURING HIATUS BETWEEN DECLARATION OF MEXICAN ECONOMIC ZONE AND SIGNATURE OF US-MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS SHOULD BE VERBAL AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, AS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT HERE. (CUSTOMARY ENFORCEMENT WITHIN TWELVE-MILE ZONE STILL BEING CARRIED OUT, ACCORDING TO CONTACTS OF NAVATT.)

2. CASTANEDA TERMED SATISFACTORY USG DRAFT NOTE ON POSSIBILITY OF US VESSELS CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY FISHING IN GOM ZONE. HE NOTED THAT IMMEDIATE MEXICAN REPLY WILL BE BASICALLY THAT GOM QUOTE WILL STUDY WHAT TO DO UNQUOTE.

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EMBOFF LEFT COPY OF DRAFT NOTE WITH CASTANEDA AT HIS

(CASTANEDA'S) REQUEST. IN PASSING, CASTANEDA REMARKED THAT EXPLORATORY FISHING WOULD BE A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR GRANTING OF COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT.

3. GOM IS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON SPANISH VERSION OF FINAL AGREEMENT. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE COPY TOMORROW AND WILL FORWARD THIS TO DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. SPANISH VERSION CRUCIAL HERE, AS IT IS ONLY ONE THAT CAN BE RATIFIED BY THE MEXICAN CONGRESS.

4. DURING SAME INTERVIEW EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF US-VESSEL LICENSE RENEWAL WHILE AT SEA, BROUGHT UP BY HALLMAN IN TELCON WEDNESDAY. CASTANEDA SAID THIS IS SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE(READ MEDINA NERI) MATTER. EMBASSY PURSUING THIS AND WILL FORWARD GOM REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO HALLMAN QUESTION ON CHECK PAYABILITY, CASTANEDA AND LEGAL ADVISOR INFORMED EMBOFF THAT US VESSEL OWNER CHECKS TO GOM SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO QUOTE TESORERIA DE LA FEDERACION, UNQUOTE WHICH IS DIVISION OF SECRETARIAT OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC CREDIT. WHEN CHECKS ARE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY IS TO FORWARD THEM TO GOM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.  
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